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## INDIGNANT.

attempt to Cripple the City Public Schools.

ass Meeting to Protest Against the Hopewell Bill.

## STRONG RESOLUTIONS.

Pursuant to published call, a mass meeting of citizens was held last evening in the city building to protest in uninsured terms against the disposition some loggheads in the legislature to desire to divert the city public school funds received from liquor license fines, placing the money thus obtained into the general county school fund.

The action of some members of the legislature—some members who ought know better—in attempting to cripple city public schools, caused the gathering of the indignant citizens of the metropolis, and last night the meeting was a rousing, enthusiastic one.

Mayor Easterday called the meeting to order, and Henry Lockhart was chosen chairman.

The chairman stated that Gov. Stover informed him that the bill, known as Hopewell bill, which would serve to cripple the public schools of the towns of the territory, was likely to the legislature if some action was taken to demonstrate indignation at outrageous attempt.

The public schools of Albuquerque are to-day in a serious condition, and if the money used for their support is equally pro-

posed to other outside schools it will work a serious blow, financially otherwise, to the well-known institutions of learning here.

Councilman Rankin moved that a committee, consisting of Mayor Easterday, Lockhart and F. L. Pearce, be sent to draft resolutions protesting at the passage of the bill. The committee reported the following resolution, which were unanimously adopted:

"It has been brought to our attention that a bill has been introduced in the present legislature to convert school funds realized from licenses and to the general school fund instead of credit of the school districts in which they are collected;

"That we earnestly protest at any such diversion of the school funds to your honorable that the school districts, incorporated towns, have incurred a expense in the erection of proper buildings, and that a still greater will be necessary in their equipment and maintenance. That the amount from the collection of licenses is a very important item of the funds, and that any impairment of the fund will seriously cripple and prevent the maintenance of schools, as at present contemplated provided for in the city.

We would further respectfully point that these public schools are in the most accessible locations various counties, and afford the not only acquiring a common education but of furnishing the branches, and are available to all children of said counties,

that a greater benefit would accrue to the children living in the country than the segregation of the funds in such a manner as would be impossible to maintain a first school in any single locality.

That we are opposed to any of this kind for the reason that it entail great hardship and in the school districts of more cities and towns which have issued bonds and entailed a large sum on the faith of the law as by the last legislature and that it was not a temporary measure.

G. S. EASTERDAY, { Com.

F. L. PEARCE,

HENRY LOCKHART, } Dr.

Rankin, Wallace, Heselden, Dr.

F. G. Pratt and Dr. Hope were

a committee of five to draw up

and present same for signature

of our citizens.

Some discussion regarding the attempt of the men (sent to

the legislature for the good

territory) to destroy the present school system of New Mexico, being adjourned.

Members of the Commercial club hold a meeting Saturday evening to take action upon the subject. It is urgently requested to attend and exercise due care against the passage of the bill.

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